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That the business opportunities of Middlebury village and town have not been exhausted is the opinion of a quartet of enterprising men who are ready to announce the opening of an electrical shop, a tailor shop, a shoe repairing shop and the reestablishment of a hostelry of once well deserved fame, the Green Mountain House in East Middlebury.

When during the days of Easter vacation the footsteps of the college boys and girls fail to ring through the corridors of the halls and dormitories, the chimes of Mead Memorial chapel cease their evening anthem. The town will listen in vain this evening for the sweet notes of the "Nearer my God to Thee", and the other old favorites in unison with which many have become accustomed to breathe their vespers prayer. The reason for their silence is that the player, a member of the freshman class of the men's college, will have taken his departure for his home along with the rest of the students. His absence, perhaps more than that of any other individual, will be regretted deeply.

We cannot but sympathize with the sturdy lads of the Cathedral High School in Burlington whom an unfair ruling has barred from participation in the New England basketball championship games at Tufts. The public high school of Montpelier, handily defeated on the gymnasium court by their parochial schoolfellows, will represent Vermont in the big games. The state member of the committee to select the best teams for these contests is reported as being appreciative of the superiority of the Cathedral school boys over the other basketball quintets in Vermont. The rules of the championship series, however, eliminate all parochial schools. But what can be the reason?

Work on the Lake Placid section of the Trail extending from the Middlebury Gap to the Brandon Pass will be commenced immediately. Prof. P. C. Voter, Chairman of the Trail and Shelters Committee, expects to lead a crew of men to Lake Placid Lodge for that purpose next week. There is considerable work to be done in the way of clearing the present trail before the work on the new trail and new Sucker Brook Lodge is started in May. It is hoped that the people of Middlebury and vicinity will realize the value of the Long Trail as a booster for Vermont and will cooperate in making it the best mountain Trail of the East. Prof. Voter will be glad to receive the name of any person willing to help. There is in this work all the sport of the appeal of the great outdoors. The local branch already has nearly a hundred members. The committee say that the first hike on the Trail frequently converts the doubter into the enthusiast.

HAS 447 STUDENTS

Middlebury College Total for Year, Counting Summer School, Is 765.

The catalogue of Middlebury College for the years 1920-1921 has just been issued. The book contains the list of the faculty members, who number in all 44 professors, assistant professors and instructors, eight of whom are women, the present student body numbering 447, of whom 213 are men and 234 women. They are divided as to classes as follows:

Seniors, 34 men, 24 women; juniors, 39 men and 44 women; sophomores, 56 men, 72 women; freshmen, 80 men, 84 women. These, with the number attending the summer session, namely 339, and taking out the names of 21 counted twice, make a net total for the year of 865.

Vermont, of course, furnishes the largest number of students, the number from this State being 192, with Massachusetts 87, New York 52, Connecticut 43, New Jersey 14, and New Hampshire 13, while 14 other States, the District of Columbia, the territory of Alaska and France, are also represented.

MIDDLEBURY LOCALS

—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Botsford of Rutland spent the week-end in town with friends.

—Robert Steele has come to live with his son George on Mill St. The old gentleman, who for nearly half a century, served as truckman for the merchants of the village, is getting feeble. He will remain in Middlebury until his strength improves.

—Master Kenneth Bannister, 8 year old son of Mrs. C. N. Atwood, is ill with a light attack of diphtheria. On Monday the cultures of his throat taken by the attending physician were reported positive from the state laboratory, while the day following the examination of a second smear was said to be negative. The house was strictly quarantined as soon as the case was discovered and cultures were taken of other members of the family and lodgers. All were released as soon as the reports were received as negative.

COMMUNICATION

Middlebury, Mar. 13, 1921

To the Editor,
Middlebury Register

Dear Sir:—

Please permit me the space necessary to tell my fellow citizens of two things that appealed to me very strongly when I read your editorial columns last week. I will be brief.

My attention was drawn to a parallel method of reasoning in the communication of Representative C. I. Button and your own comment regarding the difficulty of getting the news from the president of the village. You did not specify Middlebury's chairman of trustees but your point was obvious.

Mr. Button seemed peeved to read that the ladies of the village were watching intently his record. He seemed to argue that perhaps his actions in Montpelier were wholly personal, yet he would not be ashamed of them. To my mind, instead of "feeling flattered" that it is being watched, he should have invited us all to keep in touch with him regarding our own opinions of the projected legislation. We know that it is our right to tell him as our representative of our views. We would have wished him to have asked us though, in those week-end trips that he spent here at home.

The trustees seem to think too that their office is something personal. I have often studied your pages for notes of the meetings of the Board but have never found any. When I mentioned this silence on your part to a friend, I was informed that you had applied for permission to attend the meetings as a citizen and as a reporter for the benefit of your readers. My friend told me that you had asked him about the advisability of repeating your request for this permission and were seeking the opinion of representative men in the community. Personally, I would like to read each month of the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees. There is nothing that could be kept a secret from the public. We elect them, they spend our money. They ought to be glad to advise the voters beforehand, through the press, of proposed expenditures. If the majority of the citizens object, the trustees will have been saved from exceeding the wishes of the people whom they are elected to serve; if the majority favor the project, then the Board will be supported in their effort. Rightly, it should not be otherwise.

Let us have an end to this secrecy. Let our representatives, in any capacity whatsoever, trust less to their own judgment and seek the opinion of their constituents. Let us have our own little covenants at least "openly arrived at".

I trust that some of your other friends will take the trouble to write The Register on this subject.

Yours for government "by the people".

One of the Rank and File.

MIDDLEBURY LOCALS

—Freida, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lazarowitz, is ill with the measles.

—Mrs. R. F. Pinney spent Thursday at her former home in Shelburne, with her parents.

—Roy S. Robbins and Ira J. Baldwin spent several days in Boston at the automobile show.

—C. O. Frost and C. A. Hatch spent the week in Boston in attendance at the automobile show.

—Doctors P. E. Mellen and H. L. Averill are attending the state dental convention in Rutland.

—Little Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cushman has recovered from a recent attack of the measles.

—Mrs. Van Wycke Burton has returned to her home in Rutland after a visit with Mrs. Elwin N. Smith.

—C. H. McNutt, who has been day clerk at the Addison House during the winter, has resigned that position and returned to Glen Falls.

On Tuesday evening there will be a musical entertainment in the high school auditorium for the benefit of the School Music Fund. The program will include numbers from both the grade and high school departments. Mrs. F. L. Shackett, teacher of music, will be in charge. The admission fee will be very small.

—Charles H. Pratt has removed from the Quarry farm to the property on Case street which he purchased several months ago. His brother-in-law, Oakley F. Smith of Rutland is moving to an adjoining farm which he too purchased in the summer. The quarry farm has been bought by the Middlebury Marble company.

—Fletcher Tylor, son of Mrs. Arthur Bessette, starred almost alone in the recent Rutland High School-Battleboro basketball game. He was credited with "a total of seven baskets, four of which were of the sensational order, two having been thrown over his head". "Fletcher", it will be remembered, made an enviable reputation for himself in the football season too.

—E. I. Terry, superintendent of the Battell Forest, attended Saturday in Boston the meeting of the New England section of the Society of American Foresters. He was a member of the research committee that made a report of the classification of forest regions and types in New England, with a view to estimate the lumber reserve and rate of the growth of the various trees.

—A very successful party was held by Union Lodge, F. and A. M. in the Temple Friday evening. Dancing was the principal entertainment of the social, and 90 couples were in attendance. Doring's orchestra of Troy furnished the music, while Miss Lucinda Smith of Burlington was the caterer for the refreshments that were served. The committee in charge included A. J. Blackmer, R. F. Pinney and A. R. Davis.

—Miss Muriel Vittum was again "showered" in honor of her approaching marriage. The Business Girls Club, of which she has long been a member, feted her at their regular meeting hour Wednesday evening of last week. The rooms were prettily decorated with crepe paper in the pastel shades. Progressive whist was included in the program. Mrs. E. Pelsue won the first prize. Music followed the card play, with refreshments. A framed picture and cut glass were the presents given.

Farmers' Forum

A good time to do some fence building.

"The eye of the master fatteneth his cattle" says an ancient adage, and it is no less true, say the animal husbandrymen at the State College of Agriculture, that "the eye of the master maketh them to give milk."

Lack of care is cutting down the yield of a large proportion of Vermont's dairy cows, and what is more important, is because of that fact preventing them from returning a profit to their owners. To cut and send to the block the poor stock, and take better care of what is left would result in an increased income from many of our dairies.

Wise culling and successful feeding require sound knowledge and close attention to the cattle. Keen observation—"the eye of the master"—and a little bit of common sense go a long way toward profitable dairying.

Weed Out Your Poor Cows Now

During the past few months Vermont dairymen have begun to feel keenly the depression which has occurred in industry, says representatives of the Dairy Department at the University of Vermont. This showed first in the closing of condenseries, and more recently has become more and more evident in the fluid milk market according to reports received from various sections of the state.

During the period of war prices, while milk along with all other commodities was high, a good many Vermont cows that never justified their existence, that never did pay a profit, have been carried along by their owners under the stimulus of a price of near \$4.00 per hundred.

With the market flooded with fluid milk, and the price approaching pre-war levels, the scrub cow is becoming more and more of a burden. She never made any money for her owner, and under present conditions she is but a liability. Her proper place is in the meat market.

Fewer but better cows, better taken care of, would improve the pocket book of many a Vermont dairymen. The low producing cow should go to the block, and this means to the block, not to the barn of a neighbor where her dribble of milk will continue to help break a market already over loaded.

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—Herbert Sheltus has gone to Highgate to attend the funeral of a relative.

—A. J. Blackmer went to Boston to attend the automobile show.

—James Cartmell went to Boston to attend the automobile show.

—Mrs. Ellen Hope and Miss Minnie McDonald are visiting Mrs. Gertrude Connelly in Burlington.

—Gale Ufford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Page Ufford, is very ill with measles.

—Frank P. Bentley has gone to Dorset, where he has secured a position in a marble mill.

—Mr. and Mrs. Homer of Detroit, Mich., are visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. Earle Dewey.

—Charles Cady has returned from Pittsfield, Mass., where he has spent several weeks with his daughter.

—Mrs. C. G. Seeley has returned from the Mary Fletcher hospital where she had been under treatment for several weeks.

—Miss Bertha Farrell, a teacher in the high school at Waterbury, will spend the Easter recess with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Farrell, sr.

—Mrs. Charles Starr has returned from New York City where she has been spending the winter. She is at present at the Sargent House, but later will open the Starr home on Pleasant street.

—Mrs. Ezra E. Turner was taken to the Fanny Allen hospital in Burlington Sunday afternoon. On the following morning she was operated upon and is reported to be comfortable now. Mr. Turner spent several days with her.

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.—Bible

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The Vermont Forestry department has purchased 1,110 feet of motion picture films entitled, "The Story of White Pine," which depict the forestry of white pine from nursery seedlings to virgin forests and show the damage done to the forests by the white pine blister rust. The department is loaning the films to motion picture house managers and they will appear in several towns about the State. Middlebury will see the film Wednesday, April 13.

Brattleboro Debtless

The Brattleboro village commissioners have announced that the village is free from debt for the first time in 40 years. The payment of the debts was made in spite of unusual necessary expenses the past year. It is expected that a lower tax rate will be recommended for the year beginning May 1.

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Sermon—"Christ the Constructive Revolutionary" Rogers
POSTLUDE—Sortie Rogers

Evening Worship, 7:45 P. M.

Community Service at the Methodist church. Mr. Newell will preach.

NOTES FOR THE WEEK

The Bible School meets immediately after the morning service. The Junior, Intermediate and Senior Departments assemble in the Auditorium; the Primary Department in the Vestry. Classes for all—and a hearty welcome.

7:00 P. M. Christian Endeavor meeting in the Vestry.

Thursday, March 24

7:30 P. M.—Midweek prayer meeting in the Vestry. All are welcome.

Friday, March 25

3 P. M. "Thank Offering" meeting of the Women's Missionary Association in the vestry. Leader, Mrs. E. C. Ryder.

7:30—Union Holy Week service. All are cordially welcome.

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